## Quantum Simulation and Sensing with Large Trapped-Ion Crystals

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- Penning trap ⇔ system for controlling large ion crystals
- global single- and multi-qubit operations
- potential NISQ platform with intro of single  $\sigma_z$  rotations
- quantum sensing of displacements; weak electric fields





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 high (4.5 T) magnetic field qubit

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  - spin squeezing
  - out-of-time-order correlations (OTOC)



• measuring weak motional excitations and electric fields



#### rf (Paul) trap vs Penning trap



#### Penning trap: many particle confinement with static fields



<sup>9</sup>Be<sup>+</sup>, B<sub>0</sub> = 4.5 T  $\frac{\Omega_c}{2\pi} \sim 7.6 \text{ MHz}, \frac{\omega_z}{2\pi} \sim 1.6 \text{ MHz}, \frac{\omega_m}{2\pi} \sim 160 \text{ kHz}$ 

• radial confinement due to rotation – ion plasma rotates  $v_{\theta} = \omega_r r$  due to **ExB** fields

Lorentz force from rotation is directed radially inward



#### Ion crystals form as a result of minimizing Coulomb potential energy



#### Precise $\omega_r$ control with a rotating electric field

 $\omega_{\tilde{v}}$ 

 $\omega_{wall}$ 



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#### **Ground-state cooling of the drumhead modes**



Elena Jordan, et al., arXiv:1809.06346 Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 053603 (2019)

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Simple example – adiabatic spin-dependent force Calarco, Cirac, Zoller, PRA (2001)



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Spin-dependent push can be enhanced by the remaining ion!



 $\Delta E_{Coulomb} + \Delta E_{Trap} \implies$ ferromagnetic interaction  $H_{Ising} = J\sigma^{Z}{}_{1} \cdot \sigma^{Z}{}_{2},$   $J = -\frac{q^{2}}{d^{3}} \frac{F_{0}{}^{2}}{(m\omega_{z}{}^{2})^{2}}$ 

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Oscillating spin-dependent force:  $\vec{F}_{\uparrow}(t) = -\vec{F}_{\downarrow}(t) = F_0 \cos(\mu t) \hat{z}$ 

- $\mu < \omega_z$ , ion oscillation,  $\vec{F}_{\uparrow,\downarrow}(t)$  in phase  $|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$  have larger oscillation amplitude and energy  $\Rightarrow$  ferromagnetic interaction
- $\mu > \omega_z$ , ion oscillation,  $\vec{F}_{\uparrow,\downarrow}(t)$  180° out of phase Coulomb force opposes  $\vec{F}_{\uparrow,\downarrow}(t)$  for  $|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$  states,  $|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$  have smaller oscillation amplitude and energy  $\Rightarrow$  anti-ferromagnetic interaction  $\bowtie \uparrow$



## Engineering quantum magnetic couplings with spin-dependent forces





•  $F_{\uparrow}(t) = -F_{\downarrow}(t)$  $F_{\uparrow}(t) = F_0 \cos(\mu t)$ 

alignment of 1D lattice and ion plane

Leibfried et al., Nature **422**, (2003) -Sorensen and Molmer, PRL (1999)

quantum gates through spin-dependent forces with small numbers of ion in rf traps

#### **Engineering quantum magnetic couplings**



Produces spir • useful metrolo • source of decc  $\begin{aligned}
\widehat{II} & \widehat{II} & \widehat{II} & \widehat{II} & \widehat{II} & \widehat{II} \\
Infinite range \Rightarrow Single axis twisting \\
H_{Ising} &= \frac{J}{N} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z = \frac{2J}{N} S_z^2 \\
& \text{where } S_z &= \sum_i \frac{\sigma_i^z}{2} \\
& \text{generates a "cat state" } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\cdots\uparrow\rangle_x + |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\cdots\downarrow\rangle_x\} \\
& \text{at long times } \tau, \text{ such that } \frac{2J}{N} \tau = \frac{\pi}{2}
\end{aligned}$ 

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#### **Benchmarking quantum dynamics**

- employ infinite range interactions  $H_{Ising} \approx \frac{2J}{N}S_z^2$ ,  $S_z \equiv \sum_i \sigma_i^z/2$
- prepare eigenstate of  $H_{\perp} = \sum_{i} B_{\perp} \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{x}$ , turn on  $H_{\rm Ising}$



#### **Benchmarking quantum dynamics**

Bohnet et al., Science 352, 1297 (2016)



• Measurements of Ramsey squeezing parameter  $\Rightarrow$ 

prove entanglement for 25 < N < 220

• Largest inferred squeezing: -6.0 dB

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#### **Out-of-time-order correlation functions**

 $F(t) \equiv \left\langle \psi | W(t)^{\dagger} V^{\dagger} W(t) V | \psi \right\rangle \text{ where } W(t) = e^{iHt} W(0) e^{-iHt}, \quad [V, W(0)] = 0$ 

 $Re[F(t)] = 1 - \langle |[W(t), V]|^2 \rangle / 2$   $\Rightarrow measures failure of initially commuting$ operators to commute at later times $<math display="block">\Rightarrow quantifies spread or scrambling of quantum$ information across a system's degrees of freedom

Swingle et al., arXiv:1602.06271; Shenker et al., arXiv:1306.0622; Kitaev (2014)

Difficult to measure ⇔ requires time-reversal of dynamics

time reversal is possible in many quantum simulators!

## **Time reversal of the Ising dynamics**

$$H_{Ising} = \frac{J}{N} \sum_{i < j} \hat{\sigma}_i^Z \hat{\sigma}_j^Z, \ \frac{J}{N} \cong \frac{F_0^2}{\hbar 4 m \omega_z} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu - \omega_z}$$
  
Change  $\mu = \omega_z + \delta$  (antiferromagnetic)  
to  $\mu = \omega_z - \delta$  (ferromagnetic)

#### **Multiple quantum coherence protocol**

• Probe higher-order coherences and correlations (Pines group, 1985)



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$$\langle S_{\chi} \rangle = \langle \Psi_{0} | e^{iH_{Ising}\tau} e^{i\phi S_{\chi}} e^{-iH_{Ising}\tau} S_{\chi} e^{iH_{Ising}\tau} e^{-i\phi S_{\chi}} e^{-iH_{Ising}\tau} | \Psi_{0} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{m} \langle \Psi | C_{m} | \Psi \rangle e^{i\phi m} \quad C_{m} = \sum_{m} \sigma_{1}^{z} \sigma_{4}^{y} \dots \sigma_{k}^{z} \qquad \equiv | \Psi \rangle$$

$$At \text{ least m terms}$$

 $m^{th}$  order Fourier coefficient  $\langle \Psi | C_m | \Psi \rangle$  indicates  $|\Psi \rangle$  has correlations of at least order m

MQC protocol –  $\langle S_{\chi} \rangle$  measurement



## **Fourier transform of magnetization**

[Gärttner, Bohnet et al. Nature Physics 2017]



- Measure build-up of 8-body correlations
- Only global spin measurement
- Illustrates how OTOCs measure spread of quantum information

#### Summary:

- Penning traps good for controlling large ion crystals ( > 200; 3D,  $> 10^5$ )
- employed spin-squeezing, OTOCs to benchmark quantum dynamics with long range Ising interactions
   j/hin ms<sup>-1</sup>





## Future directions ⇔ increase coherence, complexity!

- increase entangling operation coherence with parametric amplification (W. Ge, et al., PRL (2019))
- implement single-site  $\sigma_z$  rotations (potential NISQ platform)
- transverse field, spin-phonon models

Dicke model 
$$\delta a^{\dagger}a + \frac{2g}{\sqrt{N}}(a + a^{\dagger})S_z + B_{\perp}S_x$$

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#### Motional amplitude sensing /Trapped ions as sensitive $\vec{E}$ -field and force detectors

Maiwald, et al., Nature Physics 2009 – 1 yN Hz<sup>-1/2</sup> Hempel et al., Nature Photonics 2013 – detect single photon recoil Shaniv, Ozeri, Nature Communications, 2017 – high sensitivity (~28 zN Hz<sup>-1/2</sup>) at low frequencies

Biercuk et al., Nature Nanotechnology, 2010 – 100-ion crystal (400 yN Hz<sup>-1/2</sup>)

#### Basic idea: map motional amplitude onto spin precession







#### **Conventions**



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The standard quantum limit (SQL) for sensing (or measuring)  $\beta$  in a single measurement is 1/2

#### **Motional sensing through spin precession**





Implement classical COM oscillation:  $\hat{z}_i \rightarrow \hat{z}_i + Z_c \cos(\omega t + \phi)$   $H_{ODF} \cong F_0 \cdot Z_c \cos[(\omega - \mu)t + \phi] \sum_i \frac{\hat{\sigma}_i^z}{2}$  $= F_0 \cdot Z_c \cos[(\omega - \mu)t + \phi] \hat{S}_z$ 

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$$\theta_{max} = F_0 Z_c \tau$$

#### **Measuring spin precession (phase incoherent)**



Precession  $\theta$ ,  $\theta = \frac{F_0}{\hbar} Z_c \tau \cos(\phi)$   $-\frac{F_0}{\hbar} Z_c \tau < \theta < \frac{F_0}{\hbar} Z_c \tau$ 

Probability of measuring spin up:  

$$\langle P_{\uparrow} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - e^{-\Gamma \tau} \langle \cos \theta \rangle \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - e^{-\Gamma \tau} J_0 \left( \frac{F_0}{\hbar} Z_c \tau \right) \right)$$

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## **Measuring spin precession (phase coherent)**





Phase coherent sensing first order sensitive to  $Z_c$ !

Affolter et al., PRA 2020

$$\left. \frac{Z_c}{\delta Z_c} \right|_{\text{limiting}} \approx \left[ \frac{Z_c}{0.050 \text{ nm}} \right]$$

 $\omega \neq \omega_z$  $\phi$  fixed

40x smaller than  $z_{zpt} \approx 2$  nm

#### On resonance motional sensing: sensitivity to noise

Sensing motion resonant with  $\omega_z \operatorname{much}$  more sensitive to weak forces and electric fields BUT



#### On resonance motional sensing: use time reversal



## On resonance $\vec{E}$ -field sensing: increase drive duration T



#### Summary

□ Demonstrated quantum-enhanced sensor of mechanical displacements and weak electric fields in a crystal composed of ~150 trapped ions.

#### Sensitivities @ 1.6 MHz:

✓ Displacement:  $36 \pm 1.5 \frac{\text{pm}}{\sqrt{Hz}}$  [8.8±0.4 dB below SQL (19 dB below thermal bound)] ✓ Electric Field:  $240 \pm 10 \frac{nV/m}{\sqrt{Hz}}$  [4±0.5 dB below SQL (14 dB below thermal bound)]

□ Limitations: COM fluctuations  $\sigma(\delta) \sim (20 - 60)$ Hz COM Doppler cooled  $\bar{n} \sim 4.5$ 

Improvements:

Reduce COM fluctuations to  $\sigma(\delta) \sim 1 \text{ Hz}$ Near gnd state cooling of COM

$$\Rightarrow 10 \frac{(nV/m)}{\sqrt{Hz}}$$

 $\Box$  Further improvements: ion number  $N \sim 10^6$ ; employ spin squeezed states

#### Detection of hidden photons and axions @ frequencies [10 kHz to 10 MHz] ??

#### Axion coupling constant sensitivity estimate

The Axion-EM field interaction modifies Maxwell's equations:

 $m_a$ : Axion mass

$$7 \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left( \mathbf{E} \times \nabla a - \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} \mathbf{B} \right) \qquad a(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{DM}}}{m_a} \sin(m_a t),$$

 $\rho_{DM}$ : 0.3 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ : axion – photon coupling

For COM frequencies  $\omega_z/(2\pi) < 10 \text{ MHz} \Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{Compton}}^{\text{axion}} \gg R(\text{size of } B_0 \text{ field region}) \Rightarrow$ axion electric field  $E_0$  suppressed to  $2^{\text{nd}}$  order in  $(m_a R)^2$  (natural units)  $E_0(t) \sim (m_a R)^2 g_{avv} a(t) B_0$ 



## NIST ion storage group (2019)



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#### Theory













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# Extra Slides

#### **Be<sup>+</sup> high magnetic field qubit**



## **Implementing single-site rotations**





With linear arrays, single-site  $\sigma_z$ - rotations with AC Stark shifts from focused laser beams



From Schindler et al 2013 New J. Phys. 15 123012

#### **Implementing single-site rotations** - $\sigma_z$ rotations with patterned AC Stark shifts

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}_{ODF} &= U \sum_{i} \sin\left(\delta k \hat{z}_{i} - \mu t + \psi\right) \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{z}. & \stackrel{\text{DM}}{\Rightarrow} \quad \hat{H}_{ODF} = U \sum_{i} \sin\left[\delta k \hat{z}_{i} - \mu t + \psi + \delta(x_{i}, y_{i})\right] \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{z}. \\ \hline \delta(x, y) &\equiv \delta(\rho, \phi^{lab}) := P^{m}(\rho) \cos(m\phi^{lab}) \quad \downarrow^{\mu} = m\omega_{r} \\ \phi_{i}^{lab} &= \phi_{i}^{rot} - \omega_{r}t \end{split} \quad \hat{H}_{ODF} = U \sum_{i} J_{1}[P^{m}(\rho_{i})] \sin(m\phi_{i}^{rot} - \psi) \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{z} \\ \approx \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i} P^{m}(\rho_{i}) \sin(m\phi_{i}^{rot} - \psi) \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{z} \\ \stackrel{\text{Zernike polynomials}}{\sum_{n} m_{n} R_{n}^{lml}(\rho) \cos(m\phi)}, \quad \downarrow^{\mu} = m\omega_{r} \\ \sum_{i} P^{m}(\rho_{i}) \sin(m\phi_{i}^{rot} - \psi) \hat{\sigma}_{i}^{z} \\ \stackrel{\text{Zernike polynomials}}{\sum_{n} Z_{i}^{2}} \sum_{i} Z_{i}^{2} \sum_{i} Z_{i}^$$

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